Gov. Heineman pays visit to UNK

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Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman met with an introduction to International Relations course Thursday, a day after returning from a historic trade mission to Cuba, where contracts were signed to send Nebraska agricultural products to the Caribbean nation.

Gov. Heineman discussed issues including higher education costs in the state, the revitalization of Nebraska's rural communities and the war in Iraq. His focus, however, was the trade agreement reached with the Cuban government.

Under the agreement, Cuban officials contracted with the Nebraska delegation to import significant quantities of wheat, soybeans and dry edible beans, according to a news release from the governor's office.

Heineman emphasized to the students to take precautions and to field questions from reporters.

“We were sitting in Havana, and from my perspective it was almost like sitting in my office in the state capitol (building) in Lincoln because everyday I went online and read the Omaha World-Herald, the Lincoln Journal Star, the Kearney Hub and the Scottsbluff Star Herald,” he said. “Here's a Communist country and they know everything we are doing.”

Congress amended the U.S./Cuba trade embargo in 2000 to allow for U.S. agricultural products to be exported to Cuba.

A trade delegation of 18 members accompanied Heineman to Cuba. The delegation was comprised of state agriculture leaders including Nebraska Director of Agriculture Greg Ilbach.

Gov. Heineman also took questions from students. When asked about government budget cuts, he pointed out his record on education funding.

“When I became governor in January of this year, we totally funded state aid, and teacher so I believe very strongly in education. For the conflict through to victory!”

The governor also said that Nebraska needs strong leadership to help revitalize the economies of rural, agricultural communities.

When asked about the war in Iraq, Gov. Heineman said the United States needs to stay on the course and see the conflict through to victory!

After his meeting with the international relations students, Gov. Heineman held a press conference with the Nebraska Student Senate to announce the results of his trip to Cuba and to field questions from reporters.

Students vaccinate for fall

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The University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) nursing students received a flu vaccine at a clinic on campus at UNK before the influenza season breaks out.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site, typically 5-20 percent of the U.S. population contracts the flu in an average year. From that infected population, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 people die in an average flu season.

Photo by Mika Arai

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The nursing students added some practical advice to keep the virus from spreading: Frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water; use an alcohol-based hand cleaner; if you cough or sneeze, use a tissue or your upper-sleeve to cover your mouth and nose.

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Native American Crossword

ACROSS
1. “Ride a _ _ _ _ _ _ pony, let the spinning wheel spin” — words from a popular song.
2. They walked “The Trail of Tears.”
5. This animal could be called the sacred animal of the Plains.
6. A significant Indian publication in Washington state.
7. John Wayne was trying to find Natalie Wood, in this movie about a captive girl.
10. Sometimes, the mighty animal of the buffalo was killed only for a hunter to obtain this.
11. The organ of the body, which is considered critical for life.
15. A role that Dustin Hoffman played.
20. Sun Bear was one of these sacred individuals in his culture.
22. A Jesuit priest who was a character featured in a Canadian movie by the same name.
24. The surname of the man and his family who are carving the monument to Chief Crazy Horse.
26. The branch of the people composed of the Yankton and Yanktonai.
28. He speaks for his people, the Ogallala.
29. Home of “The People.”

DOWN
1. These types of horses are often seen in the depiction of the American Indian.
2. Ogallala leader of the resistance of the development of a trail through Wyoming and Montana by the U.S. government.
4. A post carved and painted with family and mythical figures.
5. The famous chief of the Ponca Indians.
6. The Hunkpapa leader who guided his people to victory against Gen. George A. Custer’s cavalry at the Battle of Little Bighorn.
7. The tribe of the famous Chief Joseph.
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10. He told his people would never fight again “forever.”
11. The oldest inhabited village in North America.
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For the answers to this week’s crossword puzzle, check out next week’s edition of The Antelope on November 17.
The Antelope's Mike Adelman
returns with more visual commentary

Concerned student calls for armed campus security

Anonymous
Guest writer

I am a student at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. It has come to my attention that there have been two sexual assaults that have occurred on the UNK campus in the past month.

I am very concerned about the ability of Public Safety to deal with this or any other future acts of violence on the Kearney campus.

I am not concerned about the UNK Police Officers' abilities, or their dedication to the job, my concern is with the university's decision not to issue UNK officers with firearms.

I believe UNK's decision not to arm their police department is a serious threat to their ability to defend the lives of the students, staff and faculty of the university as well as the safety of those who conduct police work. This decision creates a huge liability issue with the university in the event an act of violence occurs on campus and seriously diminishes the respect and authority of the department's officers.

I have talked with and gotten to know several other officers from Public Safety. Public Safety is staffed by trained professionals who have a wealth of police experience. UNK officers are certified by the state of Nebraska to meet the requirements for graduation from the same training academy in Grand Island, Neb. This is the same training that every law enforcement officer in the state must attend.

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UNK students, faculty or staff and all concerned with the safety of the university, I will be forced to conclude that UNK is not at all equipped to handle most any act of violence on campus in short order without having to wait the agonizing minutes for an outside agency to arrive.

If the university's decision to make in order to keep UNK's campus safe is the right one, it is imperative that UNK students, faculty and staff and will not support its own police department.

Respectfully,

Mike Adelman
The Antelope

Training Center's Web site, a certified officer receives approximately 60 hours of instruction in the use of firearms. Each officer must pass the state of Nebraska's mandated qualification course in order to graduate the training academy. Every police officer in Nebraska (including Public Safety) must also qualify each year with their firearm in order to remain certified.

UNK officers who are not certified as firearm users are part of the same university system, why is it that UNK does not trust their officers to carry these weapons? The UNL Police Department receives the same training as UNK officers and they carry firearms.

In today's violent world of school shootings, terrorism and the growing number of mentally ill people being forced into Nebraska society due to the closing of regional centers, it is imperative that UNK officers have all the tools necessary to protect the lives of their own in the faculty and staff. According to the UNK Police department's policy, if an act of violence occurs on campus within about one minute. If they carried firearms, they could deal with most violent acts committed on campus upon arrival. As they are currently equipped, they must wait an additional three to five minutes until the Kearney Police Department can respond.

This nightmare scenario could be prevented if the university would allow UNK officers to carry firearms. This decision would enable them to handle most any act of violence on campus in short order without having to wait the agonizing minutes for an outside agency to arrive.

I am very concerned that UNK police are not allowed to carry firearms. Any parent finding this out would be informed that UNK police officers are not certified as firearm users. They are not to arm themselves, nor are they permitted to carry any firearm. Any parent finding this out would be shocked and horrified. The financial liability of the university would be huge.

This decision was made by the chancellor of the university, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, the Governor of the State of Nebraska, the UNL Police Department, the Nebraska Law Enforcement Commission and the UNK Police Officers' Training Center.

The UNK police officers who are not certified as firearm users will have a wealth of experience, abilities, or their dedication to the job.

If I were a parent whose child was a student, faculty or staff and all concerned with the safety of the University of Nebraska, I will be forced to conclude that UNK is not at all equipped to handle most any act of violence on campus or killed. In addition to the financial liability of the university, the University of Nebraska would be liable for any injury to UNK officers resulting in the university's decision not to arm the police officers.

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Mochas and Music: Alexis Antes

Alexis Antes performed for the Mochas and Music Coffeehouse series Friday evening at the Nebraska Student Union on the UNK campus. 

While the public enjoyed their favorite Starbucks beverages, Antes played folk rock music while strumming her guitar and singing original lyrics. She opened the show with one of her new songs entitled “Heaven Knows.”

Antes is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and was inspired to become a musician at age 12 and has been singing professionally since she was 18. She’s been a part of Lilith Fair in ’98 and performed with Paula Cole, Sarah McLachlan and Sheryl Crow.

Antes said, “Both of my parents were singer-songwriters, and I guess it’s just in my blood. I’ve always loved music.”

She plays guitar and is hoping to start learning to play piano as well. Ninety-five percent of her music is original, but she likes to pay tribute to some of the bands and artists she has been inspired to become a musician...

Her new album entitled “All Come Down” is a “hopeful” album. It’s not all about broken relationships, like most of her music has been. She said she just wants to make music that will inspire and appreciate it. She’s actually been told by fans that she’s helped them through divorces and has inspired them to give second chances.

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The Ohio native has had some obstacles to overcome to get where she is today. She’s struggled financially as any young, starving artist probably has, and says it’s hard to perform full time and make a good living at it.

“It’s a hard transition, making something you like doing into a full-time job. It’s also difficult because sometimes you feel like you’ve just put on one of your best shows but feel like maybe no one in the audience was really listening,” she added.

Through all of the struggles and triumphs, Antes has learned a few things about herself along the way.

“People here are so nice, I’ve always loved Nebraska. When I went home in Ohio, she said. “I just want to have fun and make a steady living and make a good time. If that ever happened, it would be nice, but I just want to have fun and make a steady living and perform on a regular basis. I don’t ever want to stop having a good time. If that ever happened, it would be time to shift gears and do something else.”

Antes is nearing the end of her tour, so after a few more performances, it’s time for a break until the beginning of the year. She’ll then tour the south for the winter.

Mochas and Music is sponsored by Loper Programming and Activities Council and funded by UFFF.

For more information about Alexis Antes, visit her official Web site at www.alexisantes.com.
Kearney is filled with places to eat, and Café International has sparked quite an interest in the public. Abdullah Alhgaggi, born and raised in Yemen, came to America in 1992. He has worked in restaurants for about five years in California and New York before coming to Kearney and opening the restaurant, Café International.

Café International features Middle Eastern cuisine. The restaurant opened Nov. 1 with business hours from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Saturday. The restaurant has not yet advertised, but has been busy since opening and has attracted a lot of customers. Alhgaggi said that the restaurant has received a lot of attention from other businesses downtown. He said that the restaurant stays open late so it can serve people who are hungry after leaving the bars.

The menu focuses primarily on shawarma and kabab dishes. Although the menu is currently limited to seven sandwiches, three combo platters, appetizers and sides dishes, the café plans to expand the menu. "I came up with the idea for the name because it is a nice name and shows the variety of the food," Alhgaggi said.

Alhgaggi was walking around downtown one day and found a great location for the restaurant. Next to Cunningham’s Journal, Café International is located at 9 West 23 Street. The restaurant will be adding other ethnic foods from many different cultures.

Thar Badgley from Kearney thought that the cuisine at Café International is very different from anything that Kearney has. "The food is great and it is interesting to try new things," Badgley said. "The restaurant has a good location and has late hours, exactly what people want." Café International does carryout and deliveries can be reached at 308-234-3050.

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Staff Writer

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International Cafe opens new doors

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The UNK football team is one of the few officially-playoff-bound. After defeating the Missouri Southern Mavericks, 24-14, Saturday at Foster Field, the Lopers are RMAC champion.

In reference to the postponements, 14 games were played by the Lopers in the regular season. The Lopers scored 552 points and allowed 128 points in the 14 games. The Lopers had a 14-0 record and won conference title outright.

The Lopers will take on the perennial Division II power, Colorado State University-Pueblo, in the first round of the NCAA Division II football tournament. The Lopers are ranked as the 16th team nationally in the 1991 and 1993, 1994, and 1995 and 1996.

Ross said, “The team has not experienced any digression, even with the strong winds that were lost. There are stronger upperclassmen now on the team.”

When the next person for the news media, Ross said, “The team has new participants is a goal, but we are not finished yet. Ross stands out in the field.

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Megan Kilbanek  Staff Writer

Bethanye Spidle, a senior setter from Council Bluffs, Iowa, was honored Monday night with one last set for the UNK Lopers. Peru State allowed them to play Spidle and a kill by Erin Gudmundson as the first point by the Lopers. UNK then allowed Spidle to be the score at one.

The match against the Peru State Bobcats marked the end of UNK’s regular season. The team now proceeds to the RMAC tournament, which will be hosted by UNK this weekend at the Health and Sports Center.

The Lopers finished the regular season 30-1, with their lone loss being to Seattle Pacific University earlier in the season. In RMAC play, UNK is undefeated with 19 wins. In the losses, Peru State, the Lopers have displayed their ability to crush their opponents time after time, letting only two match-ups go into five sets. Morgan Anderson, a junior from Kearney majoring in political science, said, “smashing, volleyballs in other people’s faces is always a good time.”

Senior middle hitters, Gudmundson and Erin Bronz have done just that, dominating their opponents in kills and blocks. Gudmundson broke the school record for kills, recording 3,011 in her four seasons with the Lopers. Amber Roll, a senior from Fullerton majoring in education, said, “There’s never a dull moment at a Loper volleyball game.”

Other seniors include Brett Haskell, a defensive specialist, Samantha Harvey, a right side hitter and Rachel Gerdes, a setter. Gerdes stepped up in September after Spidle, the starting setter, was forced to set out the rest of the season with a foot injury. As the setter for the Lopers, Gerdes has perfected her technique of surprising the opposition with a spike rather than a set.

Harvey has also put up outstanding numbers, scoring for the Lopers with kills and blocks at the net. Haskell has dominated in defensive digs, assisting the Lopers’ setter and hitters.

Roll also said she thinks the UNK volleyball team has performed beyond their highest expectations this year. “We’re proud of what we’ve done so far. We’ve got a team that’s trying to get better each week, and they’ve accomplished a great many things,” he said. “We hope they’ve got a few more [games] ahead of them yet.”

Many UNK fans would agree that the Lopers will finish with a victory, beginning with a win over Fort Hays State on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. UNK student admission will be $2 with a student ID.
The Student Advisory Board is involved in the campus community in order to stay connected with the Senate and student body. Both Craig Zegers and Elizabeth Gunderson were installed as the fall of 2003. They have rapidly grown in size to now over 60 members with another 25 members expected to be joined by the end of the spring semester.

Craig said: "Right now I am just learning about how it works," Gunderson said. "I was in high school and that was my last time at UNK. I was hoping to learn more about parliamentary procedure."

Their terms will end with the spring semester. Both senators are legislators on staff and recognizes the importance of having new members of the campus community with student government.

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Craig will bring new perspectives to the senate and be able to be active participants in the decision-making process of the senate.

Student body Vice-president Schuyler, added that student senate was a way for him to stay as involved as he was in high school and that student council was a great opportunity to have upper and lower respiratory tract infections, because smoking suppresses immune function.

"Once someone comes in contact with influenza A, which is commonly found in sporadic outbreaks during flu season. The CDC Web site also noted that in some recent studies, more influenza infections were found among smokers than in non-smokers. Smokers are more likely than non-smokers to have upper and lower respiratory tract infections, because smoking suppresses immune function.

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"It is always good to have fresh ideas brought to the table. Freshmen on this campus represent the largest percentage of students who live in the residence halls, and it is important for those students to be represented by a representative body that really does have an impact on their experiences at UNK," Vincent said. "Hopefully, Elizabeth and Craig will bring new perspectives to the senate and be able to be active participants in the decision-making process of the senate."